School Transition Specialist (STS)
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Our Mission ***- Manage Army installations to support readiness and mission execution – provide equitable services and facilities, optimize resources, sustain the environment and enhance the well-being of the Military community.***

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STS Mission

To strengthen school district networks by promoting predictability, reciprocity, and equity in school transitions for mobile children and youth.

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Army School Transition Action Plan Programs/Initiatives Update

- 2005 Army School Transition Action Plan
- Programs
  - Student 2 Student Program (S2S) (New)
  - Interactive Counseling Center (ICC) units
  - Transition Counselor Institute (TCI)
  - Parent Workshop
  - Parent to Parent Program (New)
- Important Websites
- Way Ahead

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Army School Transition Action Plan & Program Update

Action Plan Purpose

To outline the strategy and timeline for school transitions affected by modular force movements, IGPBS, and BRAC

Mission Statement

To development and implement school transition strategies that prepare Army families for successful transition of >35,000 military connected students to CONUS school systems that support the mobile and transforming Army 2006-2008 and beyond. Coordinate with national, state and local education agencies to integrate military connected students into schools.

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- **2005 Army Ed Summit met October 2005 in Washington, D.C. (STS Plan Monitor for Europe)**
  - **Significant progress being made in the following areas:**
    - **Monthly monitoring of Action Plan**
    - **Full support from leadership**
    - **Web pages (sites) developed and/or updated**
    - **Partnership formed to disseminate information (MCEC, AUSA etc)**
    - **Training: TCI, S2S Program, Parent Workshops**
- **2005 Army School Transition Action Plan VTC with BG MacDonald (IMA CG), HQ IMA, CFSC, Regions & Garrisons**
  - **1 March date for Europe Impacted Installations:**
    - **Vicenza**
    - **Wuerzburg**
    - **Baumholder**
    - **Heidelberg**
    - **Mannheim/Kaiserslautern**
    - **Darmstadt**
    - **Bamberg**
    - **Hanau**
    - **Grafenwoehr/Vilseck**

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IMA-Europe Army School Transition Action Plan

- **IMA-Europe Progress and Review of Plan (attached)**
  - **Excel Format:**
    - **Green – status indicates tasker complete**
    - **Yellow – status means tasker not complete, but on track**
    - **Red – status means tasker not on track**
  - **STS request SLO make contact via phone to discuss any red status with pass due suspense**
  - **Each Garrison will monitor their installation plan**

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S2S Program/Initiative

- **S2S Programs**
  - **9-12 Nov 05 (Hanau/Wuerzburg/Baumholder**
  - **13-16 Nov 05 (Vicenza/Vilseck/Bamberg)**
  - **29 Jan – 1 Feb 06 (Heidelberg/ Ansbach/ Mannheim)**
  - **8-12 Feb (Giessen/Wiesbaden)**
- **11 DoDDS-E High School teams completed training in Texas**
- **Each S2S team consist of :**
  - **1 School Adult Sponsor**
  - **2 Students**
  - **1 School Liaison Officer (SLO)**

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- **Interactive Counseling Center (ICC) units in DoDDS-E**
  - **2003/04 ICC Units in:**
    - **Kaiserslautern HS**
    - **Vicenza (Italy) HS**
    - **Wuerzburg HS**
  - **12 - 16 Dec MCEC (through Army contract) installed four units**
    - **Vilseck, Hanau, Bamberg, Baumholder High Schools**
  - **Units located in Afghanistan & Baghdad**
  - **Seven additional High Schools scheduled to receive units**
    - **Heidelberg, Ansbach, Mannheim, Giessen, Wiesbaden, Bitburg, Spangdahlem**

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- **Transition Counselor Institute (TCI) training**
  - **Grafenwoehr - 13-14 Dec 05**
    - **55 participants completed Phase I**
  - **Kaiserslautern - 23-24 March 06 – Phase I & II**
    - **42 participants completed Phase I**
    - **14 participants completed Phase II**
  - **Today approximately 292 personnel in Europe trained**
    - **Phase I - 200**
    - **Phase II - 82**
  - **Vicenza – 25-27 Oct 06 - Phase I, II & III**

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Parent Workshops

- **Parent Workshops Conducted**
  - **15 Dec 05 Kitzingen (morning)**
  - **15 Dec 05 Wuerzburg (afternoon)**
  - **22 March 06 Hanau**
  - **3 April 06 Wuerzburg (for HHC 1ID & 101 MIL)**

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Parent to Parent Program (Employment Opportunities)

Purpose: To share strategies and provide resources for the parent/guardian as the child's best, positive, and prepared advocate throughout the child's school experiences especially during the amplified challenges associated with school transitions.

Mission: To enhance skills, strategies, and preparation awareness for school transition challenges and long-term school success.

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Parent to Parent Cadres (Employment Opportunities)

- **Parent to Parent teams are community-based and comprised of selected individuals (military spouses, military retirees, and civilian members) committed to the mission of serving and training military parents. Selected individuals are placed on a Personal Services Contract (PSC). The initial PSC will be for six months and up to $4,700. Individuals will be required to perform 40 to 60 hours per month.**
  - **MCEC has been contracted to train parent cadres. For more information and application go to : www.militarychild.org, click on Parent to Parent**
- **Locations:**

CONUS

- **Ft Benning – Ft Knox – Ft Carson – Ft Sill**
- **Ft Hood – Ft Riley – Ft Bragg – Ft Bliss**

OCONUS

- **Bamberg –Baumholder – Vilseck**
- **Heidelberg –Mannheim – Vicenza (Operational)**

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Important Websites

- **https://www.students-travel.hqusareur.army.mil**
  - **College student travel authorization & information**
- **https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/education/index.html**
  - **In-State Tuition Regulations/Requirements State by State (click on In-State Tuition icon)**
- **www. Firstgov.gov**
  - **Benefits and Grants (Loans, financial aid)**
  - **Jobs and Education**
- **www.dodea.edu**
  - **DoDEA (Department of Defense Education Activity)**
- **www.eu.dodea.edu (DoDDS-Europe)**
  - **DoDDS-E (Department of Defense Dependent Schools – Europe**

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Important Websites

- **www.militarychild.org**
  - **MCEC Assessment Resource Center: http://www.militarychild.org/assessment/**
  - **S2S Program**
  - **ICC unit (location & info)**
  - **TCI Training**
  - **Parent Workshop**
  - **Parent 2 Parent**
- **www.militarystudent.org**
  - **Kids 6-12 yrs**
  - **Teens 13+ yrs**
  - **Parents**
  - **Special Needs Families**
  - **Military Leaders**
  - **School Educators**

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Way Ahead

- **STS Review/Scrub Action Plan with Garrison SLOs**
- **STS Provide Update Review of Action Plan with CFSC by 31 May**
- **College Visits for Council of International Schools (CIS Tour) update**
  - **26 March @ Brussels HS**
  - **30 March @ Shape HS**
  - **3 April @ AFNorth HS**
  - **6 November @ Heidelberg HS**
- **Update European college/univ list for DoDDS-E High Schools & MCEC website**
- **STS collecting DoDDS-E Superintendent “Wish List” for MCEC**
  - **DoDDS-E High School College Visits top of list**

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